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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed July 2, 2003, wherein the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-4 and 27-30, drawn to method for the separation of inner and outer birch bark, classified in class 241, subclass 028.

II. Claims 5-16 and 31-42, drawn to extraction of natural products from outer birch bark using supercritical fluid extraction, classified in class 552, subclass 502.

III. Claims 17-22 and 43-48, drawn to a process for producing 9,10-epoxy-18-hydroxyoctadenoic acid and its corresponding 9,10,18-triol from outer birch bark, classified in class 554, subclass 8.

IV. Claims 23-26 and 49-52, drawn to a process for the isolation of polyphenolic polymers from outer birch bark, classified in class 530, subclass 200.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects without traverse the claims of Group II (claims 5-16 and 31-42).

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The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612-371-2111) to facilitate prosecution of this application. Please charge any additional fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account 19-0743.

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